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NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY

Project News

Calendar

Northern Nevada Schedule

AUG. 30 - Jean Ford Memorial Hike.

Eileen Cohen will lead this hike leaving from the Spooner's Summit Tahoe Rim Trailhead (north) at 9:15 a.m. Participants will visit the site of Jean Ford's ashes scattering and are asked to bring wildflower seeds to spread in the area. Those who wish to continue on the Tahoe Rim Trail should bring lunch, water, and wear a hat, layers, good hiking shoes or boots, and expect a hike of approximately 10 miles round trip. Carpooling will leave from the Park and Ride at the junction of Hwy. 395 and 50 leaving at 9:00 a.m. RSVP to Eileen at (775) 267 2557 or e-mail her at Eileebird@aol.com.

SEPT. 16 - North Steering Committee Meeting. Gold Hill Hotel. Starts at 5:30 p.m. as this will be an early dinner meeting. We will be adjourning the meeting prior to Patty Cafferata's lecture, "History of Nevada State Treasurers: Money Makers & Money Takers", that begins at 7:30 p.m.

OCT. 9, 10, 11, 12 - Jean Ford Silver State Sampler Tour

NOV. 1 - Nevada Day Parade - Carson City

NOV. 10 - North Steering Committee Meeting - 6 p.m. at the home of Lisa-Marie Lightfoot.

Southern Nevada Schedule

AUG. 20 - Board Meeting in the Special Collections Department of the Lied Library, UNLV, 10:00 a.m.

SEPT. 27 - Ready, Set, Go Luncheon to tie up any loose ends for the Tea, 11:00 a.m., place TBA

OCT. 11 - Pink Tea at Casa Alegre - home of Jeanne Greenawalt, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OCT. 22 - Board Meeting including all committee chairs for the Tea at the home of Jean Spiller, 4436 Live Oak Dr., LV, 89121, 10:00 a.m.

Gala Pink Tea Planned In Las Vegas

The Southern members are busily working on our spectacular Pink Tea that will be held on October 11, 2003. The chairs for this event are Jeanne Greenawalt and Kaye Gray who are putting in many hours to insure a successful day. The outpouring of support from our members has been awesome. We held our first meeting at the end of May with fifteen eager and willing members attending. Not a day goes by that one of us does not get a call from someone wanting to help.

All net proceeds are dedicated to the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund. The theme of a Pink Tea is so appropriate for this event because Sarah dedicated herself not only to improving the quality of life and rights of American Indians, but for women in general. We will have two wonderful videos about Sarah being shown during the tea. If you have not seen them, they are a great way to learn more about the inspiration that Sarah was to her people and why she is our choice to be a member of Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. We will have more information circulating throughout the afternoon about Sarah, as well as how important Pink Teas were to our mothers and grandmothers.

So, if you have not already circled your calendar and set aside this date, grab a pen and do it now. The time is 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 11th and will be held at Casa Alegre, the home of Jeanne Greenawalt. Dema Guinn will be attending as our very special guest. Look for your invitation in the mail the first part of September. It is going to be a wonderful afternoon and we will look forward to seeing all of you there.

5th Annual Jean Ford Silver State Sampler Tour Dates Set October 9, 10, 11, and 12

Plans are underway for the Fifth Annual Jean Ford Silver State Sampler Tour sponsored by the Nevada Women's History Project. The dates set are October 9, 10, 11, 12, 2003 so that the tour will coincide with the Nevada Women's History Project Pink Tea, Saturday, October 11, in Las Vegas.

The tour route will basically parallel the first annual tour in 1998 which led to Las Vegas. However, co-chairmen Carrie Townley Porter and Billie Brinkman said the activities and places will be "tweaked" a bit to keep the interest of those returning participants.

Two tour specialists will join the trip. Jim Hulse, well-known historian, will expound on Nevada history as the tour progresses, and a geologist (yet to be named)

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will explain the interesting rock and landscape formations in Nevada.

Further details will be released in the near future. However, space will be limited so all interested parties are urged to submit a \$50 deposit which will hold a seat on the bus. Checks may be mailed to NWHP, 770 Smithridge Dr., Ste. 300, Reno, NV 89502. Please mark the check "5th Annual Bus Tour."

The tour and the Pink Tea in the South are fundraisers for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project being sponsored by the Nevada Women's History Project. The statue will be placed in the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

NWHP Leadership

NORTHERN REGION STEERING COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Noneman: Chair
Cherry Jones: Vice-Chair
Sarah Britt: Treasurer
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Kay Sanders: Communication Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Communication Co-Chair
Isabel Espinoza: Finance Chair
Kathleen Allred and Carrie Townley Porter: Membership Co-Chairs
Mary Anne Convis: Project Review Chair
Cherry Jones and Carleen Ernest: Program Chairs
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Past Chair

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Joyce Marshall: President
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Kaye Gray: Second Vice President
Eva Stowers: Third Vice President
Ann Reck: Recording Secretary
Molly Murphy: Corresponding Secretary
Jean Spiller: Treasurer
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NWHP STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carrie Townley Porter: President
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Kaye Gray: Second Vice-President
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Third Vice-President
Jean Spiller: Treasurer
Kathleen Allred: Secretary
Carleen Ernest, Northern Region Representative
Joyce Marshall, Southern Region Representative
Fritsi Ericson: Nevada Women's Fund Representative
Kay Sanders: Editor for State Newsletter
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Webmaster
Mary Anne Convis: State Project Review Chair

South Membership Report

As of July 17th, the Southern roster has had several ladies renew their membership and two new members. We would like to welcome Marian Bollinger from Las Vegas and Mary Alice Rasmuson from Henderson to our group. It is so gratifying to see our numbers grow because the more ladies who get involved, the more we can accomplish. I would like to challenge each one of you this month to bring in one new member. Wouldn't it be wonderful to double our membership? Each one of us knows someone who would enjoy and benefit from being a part of our organization.

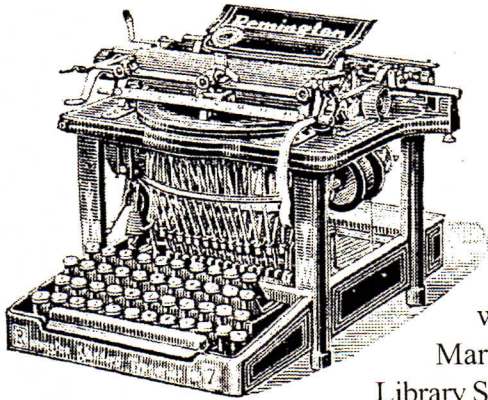
In Remembrance

NWHP members were saddened to learn of the death of one of our oldest members, Sonia C. DeHart of Genoa. She passed away July 18, 2003 in Genoa. She was born September 26, 1906 in Tonopah and had resided in Genoa since 1941. She grew up on a ranch at Hot Creek in Nye County. Following schooling in Berkeley, California, Sonia studied ballet and joined the Koslov Ballet Company, performing in ballets, operas, and silent films. When the San Francisco Opera Company opened, she was one of the soloists. She traveled and danced in many different places, including New York, Europe, and South America.

In 2002 Sonia was honored by the Carson Valley Historical Society Women's History Remembering Project. Her daughters Alice Cleary, Rosemary Girolamo, and Roberta Pope, sons, David, Robert and Gilbert Cochran presented her biography. A copy is on file in the Jean Ford Research Center.



State President's Report



You are receiving this newsletter just a few days short of the fifth anniversary of the death of our founder, Jean Ford. When we learned of her bout with cancer, most of us had serious doubts that we could keep the Nevada Women's History Project operating without her. Not only has NWHP continued, it has grown very strong and has continued to be very productive. This column seems a fitting place to review the past five years since Jean's death.

The day she died, Jean was editing member's contributions to the book we compiled, "Women In Nevada History: An Annotated Bibliography."

Martha Gould and Betty Glass for a year continued the work of editing. The

Library Services and Technology Act provided grant funds to publish the work and to

also place a copy in every Nevada public and school library.

Our Web site continues to develop and we receive many queries on it about Nevada women each month, to which we respond. A grant from the John Ben Snow Foundation has provided funds for work on the Web site as well as the purchase of the latest computer equipment for our office. The office has become the Jean Ford Research Center where we continue to build the files on biographies of our Nevada women and to help people who are researching Nevada's women. Just this April, we helped two authors in their research. One lives in Arizona and the other in North Carolina.

The Jean Ford Research Center has received donations of papers from former First Lady Sandy Miller, Virginia Cain, and twelve photographs of Carson City women, some so old that the photographer's stamp reads Nevada Territory.

Our southern members produced a video on all of the living former First Ladies and then current First Lady, Sandy Miller. We worked with Soroptimists of Lovelock who videotaped several of their long-time residents as part of an oral history project.

Our members, both north and south, continue to provide living history programs portraying our historic Nevada women for schools and organizations. Several have presented living histories at the Gold Hill Hotel Lecture Series.

We have provided entries on Nevada women in the Veteran's Day parades in Las Vegas, the Nevada Day parades in Carson City, and in the parade celebrating the 100th anniversary of the town of Goldfield.

The NWHP has held four conferences in Las Vegas, Carson City, Reno, and Virginia City. During these we have continued to add to our Roll of Honor worthy Nevadans who have "made a difference in the gathering and dissemination of the history of Nevada's women."

The NWHP in Las Vegas co-sponsored "Wednesday's Women", a lecture series to celebrate National Women's History Month. Northern members have provided the Hannah Clapp Lecture Series. We are in the process of establishing a Speaker's Bureau to continue to teach the public about the history of Nevada's women. We have meetings with speakers, both quarterly and annually.

Several of our members have written and published books on Nevada's women. The southern members are compiling a two volume Biographical Encyclopedia of Nevada women.

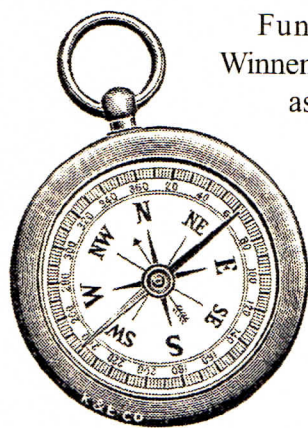
We have held three Jean Ford Silver State Sampler bus trips.

The largest project we have undertaken to date is the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. There have been several fundraisers for this project. The southern members held a luncheon featuring authentic Native American food. Two Pink Teas were held at the Governor's Mansion and another will be held in Las Vegas in October. Thank you, Mrs. Guinn. The northern members are looking forward to join the southern members at the upcoming Pink Tea as the fifth anniversary of the Jean Ford Silver State Sampler bus trip travels to southern Nevada. Many organizations have helped with fund raising. I hope soon to list them on our Web site. To date we have raised over \$65,000.

We can take pride in our accomplishments since we lost our founder. I know Jean is proud of us.

Carrie Townley Porter, NWHP State President

News From The North



Fund raising efforts for the Sarah Winnemucca project continue at warp speed as Carrie Porter, Mary Anne Convis and Carol Clanton travel the state in their search for the funds. The committee hopes to have a sculptor chosen before Nevada Day so an announcement can be made then. Our organization will again participate in the Nevada Day parade whose theme this year is a salute to veterans. We have many women in Nevada who have served their country and are proud to have some as members of NWHP. The parade will also allow us to honor Sarah Winnemucca who served as an Army scout in the Bannock wars. Cherry Jones and Holly Van Valkenburgh chair the parade committee. Unfortunately, the Great Basin Book Festival has been cancelled for this year, but we have calendars for sale. They make great gifts for your friends and relatives.

The Silver State Sampler Annual Tour will be in October and will coincide with the Pink Tea in the South. We hope to replicate the first tour which was planned by Jean Ford. Billie Brinkman and Carrie Porter are chairing the tour committee. August marks the fifth anniversary of the death of our founder Jean Ford. She will be honored with a memorial wildflower hike in August. Eileen Cohen will lead the hike. The Jean Ford Memorial Tree Committee will hold a gathering on October 12th to plant a tree in her honor at the Unitarian Universalists Fellowship where Jean was a member of the congregation. Beverly Hubbard and Bobbie Talso are collecting donations for the tree. The website committee continues to work on new bibliographies to add to our site. I was pleased to recently read that one of this year's History Day winners gave our website as the source of information for her project. Kay Sanders heads that committee as well as doing a great job as editor of this newsletter. She is assisted by Lisa Marie Lightfoot. Carlene Earnest will again team us with AAUW for a Spring fundraising project. Our membership committee for this year will consist of Carrie Porter, Kathy Allred and Kathleen Clemence. Holly Van Valkenburgh will remain on our board as Past Chair. Isabel Espinoza will remain as Finance Chair, Cherry Jones as Vice-Chair, Mary Anne Convis as Project Review Chair and Carleen Ernest as Program Chair. Sarah Britt will stay as Treasurer and Jeanne

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News From The South

Well, this is not actually news, especially to anyone living in the South. The weathermen are predicting the hottest summer in history. I, for one, believe it. Please offer your condolences to all of us who have to brave the outside everyday. I had to walk across the campus here at UNLV this morning and realized the one thing that was missing was air!

Our Spring Luncheon at the Golden Steer was a huge success with 31 women attending. Su Kim Chung, the manuscripts librarian for the Lied Library, presented an informative overview of the Special Collections Department at UNLV. The presentation included many photos and examples of the types of manuscript material the department has. We encourage all of our members to come up and take a tour. You will be amazed at the depth of information available.

A business meeting was held after the luncheon with the main topic being the upcoming tea. A sign-up sheet was sent around for members willing to help, and everyone signed. Yeah! Our next luncheon was discussed and it was decided that because it would be so close to the tea, we would not have a speaker, but rather make it a working lunch to tie up any loose ends for the tea.

Thanks to the many dedicated members of our organization, we have been able to fill some much-needed positions. We have a new 3rd Vice President (see article in this issue), a phone tree chairman, Phyllis Noblitt, and all of the committee chairs for the upcoming tea. Thank you so much, ladies, for taking an active part in this very important organization. Jean Ford would be proud of what we have accomplished and will accomplish in the future.

*Joyce Marshall-Moore, President
Southern Region Executive Committee*

News from the North

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Larson will join us as Secretary. I know that with this talented and hard working board, we will have another great year. I am proud to again be Chair of the Northern Region. I urge all of our members to get involved in as many of our activities as you can. We need your help and it is a fun and worthwhile organization.

*Kathleen Noneman
Chair, Northern Region Steering Committee*

"Chautauqua: How To Do It"

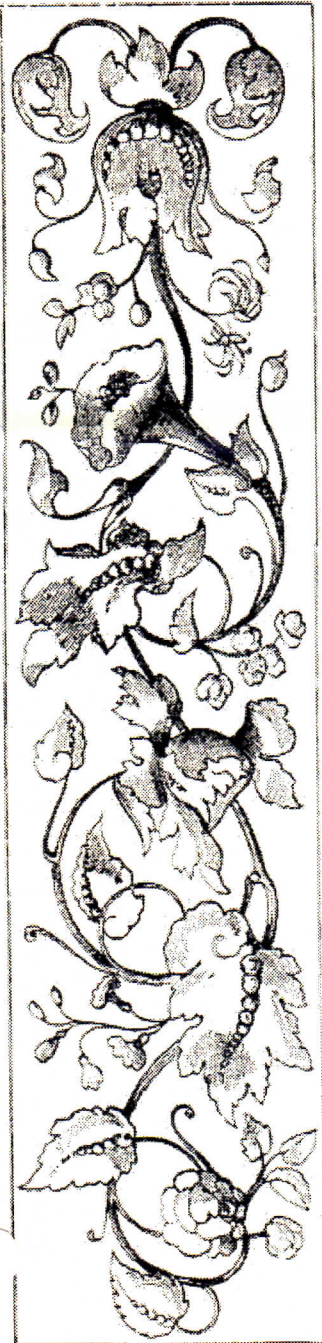
The six-week series presented by Doris Dwyer during April and May in Carson City was a success. Not only did Dr. Dwyer present her performance of Margaret Breen of the Donner Party, but the group was also gifted with a presentation of Dorothy Parker by Anne Howard, and of the medieval nun, Hildegard, by Ruth Hanusa, both of UNR.

The excellent "how-to" examples, plus the spirited discussions of research materials and other helpful hints, gave the more than 12 participants ample encouragement for the planning of their own presentations.

Among the characters being prepared for presentation are Anne Martin (the suffragette), Annie Martin, the non-suffragette), Jessie Benton Fremont, Eilley Oram Bowers, Georgia O'Keeffe, Minnie Blair (poultry rancher and "Spudnut" queen from Fallon), Margaret Ormsby and Callie Smart Ferguson.

In the "not-too-distant-future" we hope to see presentations from the series participants.

By Cherry Jones



Members Seek Help For Statue Project In Sarah Winnemuccas Home Counties

Three representatives of the Nevada Women's History Project updated County Commissioners in Humboldt and Pershing Counties and officials of the Cities of Lovelock and Winnemucca on fundraising for the Sarah Winnemucca statue on Monday, July 21. The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs provided informational packets for the officials.

Carrie Townley Porter, State President, told the groups that more than \$65,000 in donations of the estimated \$100,000 needed has been raised by NWHP. She also reported on the honors given to Sarah Winnemucca, on the request for proposal (RFP) recently mailed out by the state and on the RFP tentative dates for artists' submissions and selection.

Marcia de Braga, former Assemblywoman of Fallon, gave a review on how Sarah Winnemucca was chosen by the Nevada Legislature as Nevada's second statue in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall. She also explained how the members of the Nevada Statue Selection Committee were chosen.

Member Carol Clanton explained the local ties and interest of the project such as the establishment of Sarah's school near Lovelock, Sarah's lectures in Winnemucca and various Native American translator activities by Sarah at Fort McDermitt.

She also gave the officials suggestions on how they could help with the project. These included: contributing funds toward the purchase of the statue, distributing brochures, and appointing a liaison for the unveiling in Washington, D.C. Other suggestions were sponsoring local gatherings for information distribution on the project and scheduling and presenting speakers at local service organizations especially the Eagles, Elks, Lions, Moose and Rotary which have not been approached for donations.

The new Department of Cultural Affairs video can be shown to these groups, Clanton said. Each governmental group received a video copy. The Lovelock Tribal Council also received a copy of the video to show to Tribal Council members. Previously each county library received a video copy from the Department of Cultural Affairs.

The officials were also asked to tell their friends and business associates about the project.

Both the Humboldt County Commissioners and the Winnemucca City Council agreed to put the Sarah Winnemucca Project on their next August meeting agenda for further action.

by Carol Clanton

Jean Ford Memorial Tree Announcement

The Universalists Fellowship of Northern Nevada have announced that their organization will be planting a tree in celebration of Jean Ford's life at their location, 780 Del Monte Lane, Reno, October 12, 2003.

It has been five years this August since Jean's death. She was the founder of the Nevada Women's History Project and also a member of the Unitarian Universalists Fellowship.

An invitation to help purchase a tree for this memorial was extended by the Jean Ford Memorial Tree Committee from the Unitarian community. A \$20.00 donation is requested. Checks should be made out to UUFNN, marked for the Jean Ford Tree Fund, and mailed to: Universalists Fellowship of Northern Nevada, 780 Del Monte Lane, Reno, Nevada 89511.

For additional information, please contact Bobby Talso at 825-3452 or Beverly Hubbard at 829-1336.

Wildflower Hike Notes



Carleen Ernest, Holly VanValkenburgh and "Maggie" on the trail.

The Red Lake Peak Trail was the destination for our annual Wildflower Hike on July 19th. It proved to be a great choice as the flowers were in full bloom with fields of wild iris, bluebells, mule-ears, Indian paintbrush (in all colors), sulphur flowers, stonecrops, lupines, gillias, wallflowers, penstemons, flue flax, shining daisies, and others greeting us as we made our way towards Meiss Lake. Sierra Junipers, possibly up to a thousand years of age, were impressive as they loomed alongside the trail. We walked through lovely quaking aspen groves looking like rock-and-flower garden displays from a nature magazine.

Off in the distance we could make out Lake Tahoe and read that this area is where John Fremont made the first recorded sighting of that magnificent lake. Caples

Lake was also in view from another section of the trail.

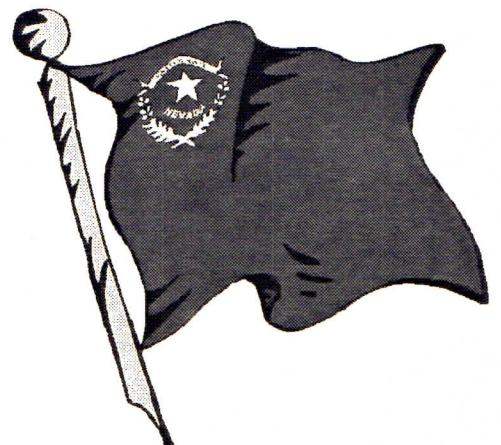
Even though we were few in number, we so enjoyed our hike and the beautiful vistas along the way that we vowed to return in the fall when the aspen leaves are golden and the air is crisp.



Kay Sanders, "Maggie" and Carleen Ernest taking a break on the Red Lake Peak trail.

Volunteers Needed For Nevada Day Parade

Are you interested in participating in the NWHP entry in the Nevada Day parade this year? The parade will be on Saturday, November 1, and we plan to honor Nevada women veterans. If you would like to assist in the NWHP entry - either in preparation or actually be a part of the parade entry - please contact Holly Van Valkenburgh (hovava@juno.com).



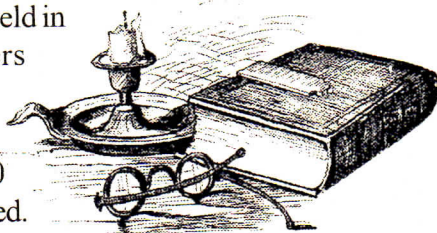
Nevada Women's History Project Speaker's Bureau

NWHP North is planning to set up a speaker's bureau to promote and preserve the stories of Nevada women in history. If you do a presentation about any Nevada woman, whether your presentation is a Chautauqua, a living history, a slide presentation, or a lecture, we would welcome your participation.

Please contact either Carrie Townley Porter at (775) 857-2050; e-mail: tpareno@msn.com or Cherry Jones at (775) 267-3410; e-mail: cljnvquail@charter.net.

Encyclopedia Project News Update

A meeting was held in June for the writers here in Southern Nevada. At this point we have 100 biographies completed. Many have been edited; others are in the process of being edited. We in the Southern Region are always seeking new biographies about women in all areas of our great state. If anyone out there is interested in information on how to write a bio for our Encyclopedia, please do not hesitate to contact me. Joan LeMere, 702-456-9242 or e-mail nokomis100@aol.com.



New Vice-President Announcement

It is our pleasure to announce that Eva Stowers has offered to assume the position of 3rd Vice President for the Southern Region. Eva works in Research and Information in the Lied Library at UNLV and has been a part of our organization for many years. She has served our organization in a variety of ways from treasurer to being part of the living history program. Thank you, Eva; we are excited to have you on board.



Sarah Winnemucca Statue Request For Proposal Sent To Artists

Requests for Proposal for the Sarah Winnemucca statue were mailed to Nevada and out-of-state professional artists on Monday, July 21 by the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs. Submission deadline is September 8 at 2 p.m.

The request has also been posted by the Department of Cultural Affairs. Their web site is www.nevadacultural.org. It is also posted on: <http://purchsing.state.nv.us/services/1345.pdf>. The third site is: <http://dmla.clan.lib.nv.us/docs/nsla>.

It is hoped that the selection of finalists will be made on September 22, according to Carrie Townley Porter, Nevada Statue Selection Committee chairman. The committee hopes to announce the artist by Nevada Day 2003 although final selection date is set on or about December 1.

Approximately \$65,000 of the \$100,000 has been raised for the sculpture, its base and pedestal. The cost estimate includes the design, fabrication, installation and transportation to the National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

The statue will be sculpted in either bronze or marble. A slide show of the artists' work including full and detailed images will be submitted to the Statue Selection Committee appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and Nevada State Senate Majority Leader.

Additional information can be obtained from Kimberlee Tarter, state purchasing agent at 775-684-8676.

The Nevada Women's History Project is the primary fund raising group for the statue.

Featured Historic Nevada Woman

Geneva Smith Douglas

Born: 1932

Died: 1993

Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian

Primary county and city of residence and work: Las Vegas (Clark)

Major fields of work: science (nuclear physicist, radiation biologist) public education

Other role identities: wife, civic activist, environmentalist

Biography:

Geneva Smith Douglas was born in 1932 in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and received her graduate degree in physiology from Mount Holyoke in 1956. From 1956-1959 she worked as a Research Associate at the University of Rochester Atomic Energy Project, studying the metabolism of nuclear fission products. In 1959 she joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a radiation biologist for the Southwestern Radiological Health Laboratory (later renamed the Environmental Monitoring Systems Laboratory) in Las Vegas, Nevada. In her dual role as Public Affairs Director for the U.S. Public Health Service and Public Information Director for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, she acted as a scientific liaison between the nuclear industry and local communities regarding the effects of the nuclear weapons testing program at the Nevada Test Site. In Geneva's eventual capacity as the Program Operations Manager of the Environmental Monitoring Systems Laboratory, she developed an offsite radiation monitoring program and spent much of her time speaking, advising, conducting tours, and writing informational brochures and fact sheets regarding nuclear testing and community safety.

Although Geneva retired from the Environmental Protection Agency in 1985, she continued to advise the scientific community on matters relating to nuclear safety. She participated in and evaluated full-scale field exercises of the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan in Florida

(1984) and Illinois (1986) and the VENTREX exercises at the Nevada Test Site (1986-1987). She also acted as a technical liaison and EPA spokesperson following accidental releases of radioactivity from U.S. and Chinese nuclear weapons tests, and advised the emergency response crew during the krypton venting phase of cleanup following the nuclear power plant accident at Three Mile Island. In addition, she prepared and delivered Congressional testimony relating to nuclear testing, radiation exposure, and nuclear waste repositories.

In addition to her busy professional career, Geneva was active at all levels of Soroptomist International, one of the five largest women's service organizations in the world. She was



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a charter member of Soroptomist International of Greater Las Vegas, and held most club offices, including two terms as club president. In 1980, she was elected to the office of regional governor of the Sierra Nevada Region, which consisted of about forty-five clubs in California and Nevada. Between 1982-1984 she served as Environmental Advisor for Soroptomist International of the Americas, a federation of clubs in twenty countries. Geneva attended her first international convention in Istanbul in 1983, as a silent observer, and was appointed member of the Long Range Planning Group for Soroptomist International. Between 1987-1991 she served as the International Programme Liaison and was responsible for coordinating international service programs in the areas of Economic and Social

Development, Education, Environment, Health, Human Rights/Status of Women, and International Goodwill and Understanding. As International Program Liaison, she developed a database of club service activities relating to international programs, helped write and revise Soroptomists' statements and positions, and created a roster of Soroptomists with special expertise for consulting purposes.

In 1986, Governor Richard Bryan named Genev

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Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Geneva Smith Douglas

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Douglas to chair the newly formed "Governor's Advisory Committee on Volunteerism," whose focus was to discover and coordinate volunteer leadership and activities within the State of Nevada. In just a few months, Geneva had coordinated several workshops on volunteer resources and training, and organized the first statewide Conference on Volunteerism, with representatives from business and service organizations and government agencies.

Geneva also served on the steering committee of the Friends of Nevada Wilderness between 1985-1987. This coalition of environmental groups functioned to lobby the State and U.S. Congress to retain Nevada wilderness areas, and to encourage the state to purchase public lands for statewide protection. In her capacity as chairperson, she helped the group organize and focus their efforts on preparing statements and congressional testimony relating to wilderness preservation.

(Biographical sketch by Sally Wilkins)

Humboldt Museum Features Sarah Winnemucca

Kudos to the Humboldt Museum in Winnemucca for displaying the NWHP oil portrait of Sarah Winnemucca and the burden basket for Sarah Winnemucca designed by Mary Lee Fulkerson, Reno artist and basket maker, at their rededication of the museum's art exhibition area.

Both were primary features in the Native American exhibit for the reopening reception at the former Episcopal Church donated to the museum. The church was recently remodeled after being struck by lightning last year. Held on July 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. the reception featured artists from the West.

The portrait of Sarah Winnemucca was done by Adam Baker of Carson City in October 2001. It was found hanging in a downtown barbershop. Baker donated to NWHP the portrait painted from a picture of Sarah Winnemucca. According to a piece written by Fulkerson, an NWHP member, the basket sculpture was created to honor the life and philosophy of Sarah Winnemucca.

"This basket is in the shape of the burden basket, one of the earliest baskets created in the Great Basin. Paiute, Shoshone and Washo people moved frequently, and all their belongings could be stored and carried with ease in the burden basket. It has come to be a symbol of those symbolic burdens which are carried with grace and dignity in full awareness of oneself as a many-splendored being, which was a philosophy that Sarah embodied."

"Other symbols on this basket are the little foot, symbol of many cultures of long and arduous walks, horsehair from a wild horse, to recognize the treks across great distances Sarah traveled on her horse. The moon and stars lit her way, for Sarah would travel day and night if her mission was crucial to the welfare of her people. The skeleton represents the ancestor spirits of Sarah's time, whose deaths often motivated her great accomplishments on behalf of her Native People. The little arrowhead flint napped by a contemporary Paiute man, symbolizes Sarah's warrior spirit.

Her motto, repeated in speeches, story and her book, was "It can be done. It can be done".

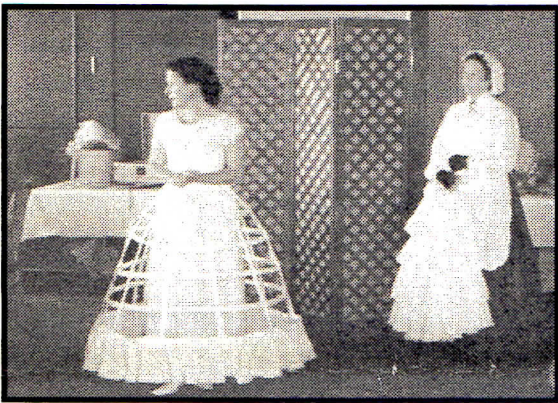
The basket was won by State President Carrie Townley Porter at the first AAUW fundraiser last year. Porter loaned the basket to Humboldt Museum for their reception.



Highlights from the North Annual Meeting

Nineteen members and guests were present for the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Northern Nevada Women's History Project, held June 14 at the Thunder Canyon County Club. Many thanks to Lisa-Marie Lightfoot for suggesting this as the site for our annual meeting. We planned to have it here last year, but the 2002 Pink Tea amended those Annual Meeting plans. We are all so glad we could meet there this year and the suggestion was made that it be an annual site for the NWHP North Annual Meeting!

A special program presented by Paulette Grune, "Victorian Ladies, Manners and Morals," preceded the Business Meeting and lunch. Paulette has "Reflections of the Past" in Sparks and specializes in creating historically accurate custom-made garments, accessories and costumes. Her program was dressing in a Victorian mode, assisted by her "maid", daughter Joanna, with complete descriptions of what she was wearing and why. She also included much information on the manners and morals of the Victorian era and welcomed questions from the audience



The performance was videotaped by Paulette's son-in law, Ken Polley, and we hope to make the video available in the future.



The Treasurer's Report was distributed, reflecting a balance as of 5/30/03 of \$11,975.14. This amount is solely NWHP funds, as the Sarah Winnemucca funds are separate. Kathy Noneman reported 106 individual members and 71 organizational members in the North.

Congratulations to new officers for 2003-2004, Kathleen Noneman, Chair and Jeanne Larson, Secretary, who were elected by acclamation.

Carrie Townley Porter and Mary Anne Convis are co-chairs of the Sarah Winnemucca NWHP State Project Committee. Carrie reported a total of \$61,257.00 has been collected to date. In addition, the State Daughters of the American Revolution has collected \$4,000 from their jewelry sales. The State Selection Committee will review proposals and interview the top four finalists. The plan is to announce the chosen artist on Nevada Day. The unveiling is tentatively scheduled for Nevada Day 2004 in Washington D.C. The statute may be displayed in the Rotunda for the first six months after the unveiling.

The annual Wildflower Hike will be July 19. Kay Sanders will choose the site depending on the best location of wildflowers in mid-July.

The Jean Ford Annual Memorial Hike will be August 30. Eileen Cohen will lead the hike, first to the site of Jean Ford's ashes scattering and then continue along the Tahoe Rim Trail.

The Northern Region will schedule the Jean Ford Silver State Sampler as a fundraiser for the Sarah Winnemucca Project. This will coincide with the Pink Tea in the South on October 11th, so the trip will be October 9-12. Carrie Townley Porter and Billie Brinkman agreed to co-chair the planning for the trip.

The Nevada Day Parade this year will fall on November 1. The theme is "A Salute To Our Veterans". Holly Van Valkenburgh and Cherry Jones agreed to chair this project. NWHP may join with the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs and the Selection Committee in announcing the Artist for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue. There was discussion of honoring women who have served in the military in keeping with the theme of the parade.

Conversation ensued regarding the fact that it has been almost five years since our founder, Jean Ford, was taken from us. We proudly discussed our accomplishments since that time, many of them completing projects that Jean had instigated. Of course, we renewed our promises to continue in her footsteps, promoting the gathering and dissemination of Nevada Women's History.

by Holly Van Valkenburgh

Nevada Women who served in the armed forces:

Did any of you serve in the armed forces of the United States? Do you know any women who did? If so, please contact Holly Van Valkenburgh (hovava@juno.com). We are working on the Nevada Day Parade and want to honor our Nevada women veterans.

Please let us know by September 1, as we need to indicate how many participants we will have before we can submit our application to the Nevada Day committee.

Congratulations to:

- Kathleen Clemence who was recently appointed a Trustee of the Aerospace Education Foundation, a national organization dedicated to ensuring America's aerospace excellence through public awareness programs, education, and financial assistance. Also, Kathleen was elected a National Director of the Air Force Association, representing the Southwest Region (Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico). This association promotes public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation.
- Cindy Southerland for her new position as Curator of Collections at the Genoa Courthouse Museum.



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